FET TOWEL HURLED INTO RING AT END OF THIRD GIVES LEONARD KNOCKOUT OVER KILBANE

GOOD LITTLE MAN FAILS TO BEAT GOOD BIG MAN WHEN KILBANE FALLS BEFORE BLOWS OF LEONARD

Lightweight King Proves Huge Surprise, Scoring Technical Knockout, in Open-Air Contest Staged at Shibe Park Before Record Crowd

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

GOOD little man failed to defeat a good big man at Shibe Park last night. It the same old story with an added dash sathos and a crowd of 15,000, the greatthat ever witnessed a boxing show in this city, saw it



the first chapter until the last page was turned Benny Leonard. plon, knocked out Johnny Kilbane featherweight champion, in the third round of what was to be a six-round bout. It was a huge sur-prise—to those who did not see the battle. To the spectators, how-

spectators, no wever, it was something to be extended. The pected. The aller man was outclassed and outfought. nd although he was not counted out by Referee Frank O'Brien, there is no doubt in the minds of the onlookers but that it would have occurred in the next session. fibane was game to the end, but didn't ave a chance.

The third round was about over. one second remained when Leonard hit Johny in the back of the head, knocking him to the floor. It was the famous occipital punch, and the featherweight champion appeared helpless as he fell face down-word. He grasped one of Benny's legs, as if to steady himself, and Leonard tried to hake himself free. At this juncture Jimmy Dunn tossed the towel into the ring as a oken of defeat. The white rag was in the air when the bell clanged, and it looked to ome as if the round was over before the was thrown.

An unpleasant situation was averted by the quick thinking and immediate action taken by Billy Rocap, the official timer. Before a protest could be raised, Rocap his feet, held his watch in his

hand and shouted: "The towel was thrown two minutes and fifty-nine seconds after the round started!
There was one second to go! The time was two minutes and fifty-nine seconds !"

Spectators Surround Ring

While the announcement was being made pectators rushed from the grandstand and surrounded the ring to congratulate the victor. It would have been impossible to continue. When the excitement was at its height Kilbane was taken to his dressing to suffer in silence, while the lightweight champion, smiling like a happy schoolboy, acknowledged the plaudits of

Sôme believed that Dunn acted too hastiby when he tossed the towel into the ring. They said that a knockout could not have ed in that round, and a minute's rest rould have brought Kilbane back to form This might have been the case, but it didn't Kilbane appeared helpless before his onrushing, calm and merciless foe, and It was only a question of time before the knockout blow would have landed. To my d. Dunn's action was the best that could

Dunn Explains

Jimmy was heartbroken after the battle "knew that Johnny was licked." he said,
"and I couldn't bear to see him take a bating. I saw that he was not the Kil-bane of old, and acted like a novice inhane of old, and acted like a novice in-tend of a champion. I don't know what ppened, unless he had an off night. Why, any one could have beaten him tonight.

friendship sprung up which means more to ne than anything else in the world. I was lased for a time when he seemed helpless before Leonard, but after I got my bear-ings I decided that I would not allow Kilane to take a terrible beating. Johnny is the gamest boy in the world. He doesn't know the meaning of the word fear. He would have stayed in the ring all night, had been able, and take his punishme ut a murmur. He was not knocked out gh it goes as a technical one. But I saved him from serious injury and would do the same thing again.'

That final round furnished a sight that never will be forgotten. Fifteen thousand pairs of eyes were fastened on the brillantly lighted ring in front of the grand-They watched the touseled head of

\$35,078 Paid by Fans to See Big Boxing Bout

There were 12,753 cash customers in Shibe Park Inst night, but when the masses were counted, the crowd was swelled to more than 15,000. This is the largest gathering that ever attended a hoxing bout in Philadelphia and the receipts, which totaled \$35,078, is a world's record for a six-round match. Here are the figures: 3,285@81 \$3,285

Johnny Kilbane fly back time and again when Leonard shot his left jab or right hook straight at the unprotected jaw. They saw Kilbane drop to the floor after a hard right smash landed and saw him gamely struggle to his feet without taking even the count of one. Then they saw Leonard follow up his advantage like a hunter stalking his game and put over the final shot which ended the uneven battle.

It was apparent to all from the start that

ended the uneven battle.

It was apparent to all from the start that Benny Leonard was master last night. He was cautious in the first round and boxed on the defensive until he learned, much to his surprise, that he could inflict punishment on his smaller foe. A hard left to the mouth split Johnny's lip and a terrific right shook him from head to tee. When the round was over Leonard was the line county. round was over Leonard went to his corner and said to Billy Gibson, his manager: "I can knock him out any time I want to now. He is easier than I thought. Shall I finish him in the next round?"

Heeds Gibson's Warning

more. Then put over the knockout."
In the second round Kilbane was in distress, but Leonard followed his instructions and played it safe. Time and again he overlooked an opening to step in and finish his man. When the bell clanged he said

him. I think I can do it."

Johnny tried desperately to stem the tide of defeat, but his efforts were futile. His punches missed their mark and all of his ring craft and cunning seemed to have left him. He was like a pupil taking a boxing lesson from a master. He was on the verge of a knockout for the first time in his long career and refused to admit it even to himself. He would not quit.

Shibe Park was in gala attire for the big The crowded grand stand, with its white background of coatless men and thousands of the fair sex in summer attire. formed a snowy horseshoe which wrapped itself around the ring. Every one was in a position to see and the crowd was goodnatured and orderly. Only once did the spectators get the better of the police, and that was before the main bout was called. Those who purchased \$1 seats in the bleachers rushed over to the \$2 section, but that was nothing to be alarmed about. Jimmy Dougherty, the principal promoter of the match, saw many vacant seats in the stand and asked a policeman to invite the bleacherites to take a closer view of the fight in

the more expensive seats.

The usual preliminaries were put on and a regular big-league announcer, imported from New York, shouted his announce-ments without the aid of a megaphone. Out-"Johnny and I have been close compan-ms for nine years, and in that time a mixed, his work was something out of the ordinary. Fred Sears, who announced the preliminaries, performed better than any one we have had in Philadelphia for some time and should be used more often.

Poor Press Arrangements

and Jimmy Dougherty and John Shibe de-serve credit for staging it in such a capable manner. The spectators—that is, the persons who bought tickets—were well taken care of and left the park perfectly satisfied. The only thing that could be objected to was the handling of the holders of the press tickets. These unfortunates had as much show as a cake of ice in a furnace. much show as a cake of ice in a furnace, and were herded any old place that was vacant. The treatment of these persons was terrible, and it is hoped that the management of the park will try to improve conditions in the future.

COBB'S DOUBLE SENDS IN FIRST DETROIT RUN

Tigers Score in Opening Round of Early Half of Double-Header



A fair-sized crowd was on hand when the first game of the double-header between the Athletics and Detroit was started today.

Before the game began Mack announced he had secured two more young players of minor league experience. One of these an infielder named Griffin, who was purchased from the Lincoln, Neb., club. Grifreported today and got into the preinary workout. The other player is a is right-hand pitcher named Watson, who was purchased from the Fort Smith, Ark.

Ty Cobb was late in reporting and it was inced that Dauss would play center eld. Cobb, however, appeared on the field uniform before it was time for Dauss to to bat and Ty promptly got into the

The Tigers got away to a one-run lead in the first inning. Bush started the game by getting a pass. He was caught going to hird base when Vitt singled on Jamieson's eautiful throw to Bates. Vitt took second in the play and scored on Cobb's double.

FIRST INNING

Bush walked. Vitt singled to right, but ush was nailed at third. Jamieson to ales, Vitt taking second on the throw. The batted for Dauss. Cobb doubled to thi, scoring Vitt. Dugan threw out Veach a McInnis, relayed the ball to Haley easily doubled up Cobb at the plate. It is run, two hits, no errors.

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Each boxer's share .. \$11,692.66

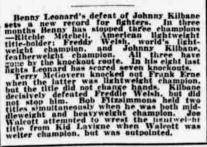
"Be careful, Benny," begged Gibson.
"Remember, Kilbane has a good right hand, and if he ever hits you it will be all off.
Take your time and wear him down some

"I am going out now and try to finish

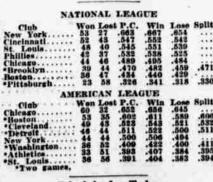
Bout Was Success

Last night's affair was a huge success

Leonard Has Knocked Out Three Fistic Champions



WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY



Schedule for Today NATIONAL LEAGUE at Cincinnati—Clear.
at St. Louis—Cloudy.
n at Pittaburgh—Clear (two games).
rk at Chicago—Clear.
AMERICAN LEAGUE AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit at Philadelphia—Cloudy (two games)
Chicago at New York—Cloudy,
St. Louis at Boston—Clear (two games,)
Cleveland at Washington—Cloudy (two games).
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Baitimore at Buffalo—Clear,
Richmond at Montreal—Clear,
Newark at Toronto—Clear (two games),
Providence at Bochester—Clear (two games),

NEW YORK STATE LEAGUE iarre at Scranton. Elmira at Syracuse. Elmira at Syracuse. BLUE BIDGE LEAUGE

Cumberland at Gettysburg. Frederick at AMERICAN LEAGUE

LEONARD AND KILBANE SHAKE HANDS BEFORE BOUT



The champions were flashed just before the bell. From left to right, Johnny Kilbane, Referee Frank O'Brien, Benny Leonard, Billy Gibson (behind Leonard), George Engle and Willie Leonard.

Leonard Confident of K. O.

After Bout Gets Under Way

By BENNY LEONARD

almost falling on his haunches against the

ropes. It was apparent that a solitary punch flush on the jaw would settle Kilbane on his face or back. He had never been knocked

Jimmy Dunn, Kilbane's manager and pal,

evidently didn't believe in having his

protege counted out last night. Just as Timekeeper Billy Rocap said to Joe Savino "Pull the bell," Dunn flung a wet towel into

the air, and before the moistened linen hit the floor the bell rang.

Leonard was the victor-by a knockout.

although technically. A pugllistic epoch was made not only for Philadelphia but for the entire fistic universe. There were few

dopesters that figured Leonard for a knock

was said after the contest that Abe At-tell had won \$2000 on the result by putting up only \$200.

"Leonard is the greatest boxer and fight-

er that ever drew on a glove," said Matt J. Hinkel, Cleveland promoter, as the large

crowd stampeded on to the greensward. Asked if he would make an effort to sign

up the lightweight champion, he retaliated in a flash: "With whom?"

by his manager to admit defeat.

While helping hands assisted the groggy and tottering Kilbane to his corner, he con-tinually exclaimed: "No! No!" as if he were dissatisfied with the steps taken

Leonard never had his hair, combed neatly and parted at the left, mussed in any of his Philadelphia bouts. The same ruled tast night While he had to erext himself to the limit to put away the greatest featherweight in the world. Kilbane didn't reach Leonard's head often enough to spoil his combes hair.

Kilbane was the first to enter the ring and was shortly followed by Leonard, who walked with his arm around his manager, Billy Glason. Both champlons shock hands with James J. Cerbett, who was at the ringside, before going to their respective corners.

onard was handled by Gibson, George Engle-his brother Willie. Dunn, Joe Brannigan Mike Graleis looked after Kilbane.

out, and those that did held out for od ranging from 5 to 1 as high as 10 to 1.

out before.

Towel Hurled Into Ring

LEONARD PUSHES KILBANE FROM LIGHTWEIGHT TRAIL BY SCORING TECHNICAL K. O. IN THIRD ROUND

Brilliant Combined Boxer-Fighter Easily Outclasses Great Featherweight in Nine Minutes of Onesided Boxing-Result a Big Surprise

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

BENJAMIN LEINER, alias Benny Leon-ard, the New York Hebrew and he who brought the lightweight championship to boxer-fighter combination of the decade. Following his technical three-round knockout at Shibe Park over Johnny Kilbanewho, by the way, still retains his featherweight crown-Leonard stands alone in his class at the pinnacle of the 133-pound divi-

sion, supreme of all he surveys, firm as the Rock of Gibraltar and not a single con-tender shadows his trail as a molester in his reign. Kilbane stood an even chance to win last night-before the opening gong. After the bell sounded beginning what was to have been an eighteen-minute contest and Leonard had forged into the lead, the good

little man appeared like a pigmy in his effort to dethrone the good big man. Yet it appeared that not more than six pounds differed in their weights at the same time Leonard's superiority appeared on the surface like oil on water, as the old seadog

Kilbane Bleeds at Start

Only a few seconds after the bout got under way several straight lefts cracked Kilbane's lips. Blood spouted from John-ny's mouth, and after Benny connected with two light rights to the jaw, reaching the Clevelander with ease, there was little doubt that Kilbane would fail to go the distance. It started off as a one-sided mix and so it finished. When Kilbane was forced to clinch in the

second round after Leonard had delivered a series of lefts and rights to John's head, then switched with both hands to the body, it was the beginning of the end. No man could stand up under Leonard's fusilade of iaw-breaking and rib-cracking wallops

Chip to the Rescue

George Chip, the middleweight and a great constituent of Kilbane's, evidently figured out the finish. During the intermission between the second and third rounds he rushed into the Ohloan's corner and assisted Manager Jimmy Dunn in bringing Kilbane around. With the begin-ning of the third Leonard stepped out of his trench as cool as ever, bent on finishing the fray right away. Kilbane was not to be underestimated, and he, too, was willing to shoot over right-handers backed by knockout force.

knockout force.

The result was that the session opened with both men wild, and each missed hard wallops with both hands. Then Leonard steadied. A left hook to the chin staggered Kilbane and a right cross forced him to ropes. Johnny was hurt and he tried to clinch. But Leonard was awake and think-ing, stepped back and as Kilbane came in, half blind. Benny found lodgment with a left and a right on the Irishman's jaw. This time Kilbane wrapped both arms around

Leonard's waist. Kilbane Collapses

Kilbane Collapses

Still like the proverbial iceberg, Leonard allowed Kilbane to rest—only for a second. Then he pulled away and as the feather-weight came in, leading with a wild right, Leonard met him with a short left to the body, and at close quarters Benny drove a series of lefts and rights to the tame section, finishing with a right uppercut. Kilseries of lefts and rights the tame section, finishing with a right uppercut. Kilbane collapsed, sinking to his knees, and grabbed Leonard around his ankles. It was a surprise; a spectacle. Never before had Kilbane been so emphatically outclassed, outboxed, outfought, outgeneraled. He gained his feet before Referee O'Brien could start counting.

A hefty right grazed Kilbane's chin and the was turned almost half way around. Duicker than it can be stated Leonard suched out with a short left hook, following the a round-house right behind the head.

ian, Johnny Loftus, Dan Campbell, Al. Mugusy Taylor Ever Hammer, Joe Hum-Jack O'rrien, Dick Curley, Colonel Jumny Dougherty, Jim Buckley, Sam Harry Lenny, Bill McGowan, Jack Fred Sears and Lou Balley,

After Kilbane got into street dress he got ch to the scene of his defeat and spoke a few ords to Johnny Downs, his sparring partner, tween the fourth and fifth rounds of the ter's bout with Lew Stinger,

1 HAVE NO ALIBI: LUCK TO LEONARD'

-Johnny Kilbane

Defeated Champion Says New Yorker Is Greatest Boy He Ever Fought

SURPRISED AT RESULT

By JOHNNY KILBANE

(Featherweight champion of the World) Benny Leonard is the greatest fighter I ever fought. Good luck to him; he de-serves it. I have no alibi to offer. I accept the verdict.

I was one of the most surprised persons in the world when I learned I was the victim of a knockout. My brain was clear and I was strong. Jimmy Dunn evidently thought I was through when he saw me alip to my knee and later tossed the towel in the ring. I yet wonder why he did it.

I could not get started. Leonard kept coming toward me, shooting short punches at me. I thought it easy to block his punches, but a few of them got by, and in the first round a left nailed me on the lip and the blood soon began to flow.

Dunn Acted Hastily

I was certain that I would be on my feet I was certain that I would be on my feet at the end of six rounds. I never before had been knocked off my feet, and it was difficult to realize that I was down. In reality, I was not down, for only my right knee was on the floer. The round only had one second to go, and Dunn surely acted hastly in throwing the towel in. I still was mystified when I reached my dressing

Was I dazed? Well, when he hit me with that left I was a little dizzy, but I doubt if he could have hit me in the right place to put me away. We all get hit and offen we get clipped when the crowd and even your opponent is not aware. It was the first time Dunn ever saw me wobble, and probably that is the reason he believed me through.

Leonard has a great defense. He the hardest man I ever tried to hit. has speed, is clever and possesses a wonder-ful head. His blows did not bother me. His left is a wonder and often he beat me with his southpaw drive when I was about to start a right in his direction.

They call it a knockout, but I always was under the impression that when a man took the count he saw stars and heard the birdies chirp. I never lost possession of my senses. Leonard gets credit for a knockout over me, and as much as it pains to have that placed after your record l submit to the inevitable.

All Due to Get It Sometime

They say that we all are due to get it sometime. I got mine and take my medicine gamely. I will say that Leonard is of the cleanest, finest boys I ever battled, and he is entitled to all the success he attains. I have been featherweight champion for

five years, have been successful and Leonard just is starting on his career. He should have a wonderful future. He has all the requisites that go to make a wonderful champion. He is just the type of fellow to uphold the crown in his division. I thought I was better than any lightweight in the world. I still believe I can hold my own with any of them, though the result of last night's fight makes this statement look very

bad.

"I have nothing to say as to a return fight with Leonard. He's a great boy and I still believe I have many good fights left berland trips.

in my system. I have nothing to say as to the future. I will rest for a few weeks, then start to outline my plans for

Fake Charges Worried Killy

"The charges of a fake I admit worried me considerably. I always fought on the level and the thought that I even would be mixed up with anything not on the square

mixed up with anything not on the square caused me many unhappy moments. However, this is not meant for anything like an alibi. I give credit where credit is due and in this case the credit goes to Leonard. I would like to inform the patrons of boxing and the thousands who crowded their way into Shibe Park that I fully expected to win the bout. I did all in my power to give the fans a good run for their admission. Benny had his friends and I have mine. Benny is without doubt one of the greatest boxers who ever drew on a glove. Le is clever without any flary stuff, he is coolness personified and his hitting powers need no improvement. There does not seem, to my mind, to be any lightweight in the ring today who could make him step.

Jimmy Dunn said to me after the bout in my dressing room: "Johnny, I never saw you box so foolish before. You seemed to have lost your cunning. I figured that it was one of Leonard's good nights and one of your off nights. I thought I acted for the best."

Bingles and Bungles

Kerensky

Kerensky has a tough old job in Russia,

He has a hundred thousand things to do
And if the Slave don't crab him
The big leagues ought to grab him.
For he will be a bear cat when he's through

Most every day he calls a thousand close ones, He calls 'em and he gets away with it, So, if the Fates will spare him, The magnates ought to snare him, For as an umpire he would be a hit.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT TODAY-The White ox. They won their sixtleth vic

The White Sex are the first major league club to win sixty games this season, and they are now five full sames ahead of Boston.

The worm will turn. Those Athletics rose in their might and walloped the Tigers. Myers made the jungaleer sluggers scatter their shots.

Lavan, of the Browns, got two errors at Bos-ton, which contributed to the Red Sox victory. The Rochester International League team de-feated the New York Gianta yesterday, at Rochester, by the score of 3-2.

Arnold "Chick" Gandil, first baseman of the Chicago White Sox, yesterday filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States Dis-trict Court in Chicago.

An official major league ball, autographed by President Wilson, will be sold at auction today in St. Louis during the eighth and ninth innings of the benefit game between the Braves and Cards. The ball will be used to open the game, and the money will be turned over to the Fifth Regiment, of St. Louis.

Gettysburg Baseball Team Fined \$150 HAGERSTOWN, Md., July 26.—Gettys-burg's baseball team has been fined \$150 by Blue Ridge League managers, for failure to play in Cumberland, with the understanding that further failure will mean their franchise will be forfeited. Gettys-

War as a Business; Haig Its Conductor

An Interesting Article About Sir Douglas Haig Written by Isaac F. Marcosson for Sunday's Public Ledger

WAR today is the most perfectly organized business in the world. Strip away the glamour of fighting and you merely have merchandising with men instead of goods. That is the manner in which Isaac F. Marcosson describes it in Sunday's Public Ledger.

Mr. Marcosson recently spent some time studying the great British war machine on the Western front. In his article in Sunday's Public Ledger he tells how Sir Douglas Haig, Commander-in-chief of the British armies in France, is the general sales manager of a fighting corporation. It is an intimate character study of the famous English soldier as he really is.

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